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REMARKS

Please enter the Remarks in the December 28, 2006 Response.

As a supplement to the already submitted Remarks, Applicant states the following:

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 31 and 33-36 are pending

The cover page of the Office action of August 23, 2006 incorrectly states Claims 1-8 and 31-36 are pending. Claims 5 and 32 were cancelled as early as October 8, 2004 when the RCE was filed. Moreover, the Office action of October 19, 2005 correctly lists the pending claims as Claims 1-4, 6-8, 31 and 33-36.

Applicant has not received, and the IFW does not show, the Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment

The Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment is listed in the PAIR Transaction History. However, Applicant has not received a copy of the Notice and the USPTO Image File Wrapper does not show the Notice. Despite repeated requests, the USPTO has not sent the undersigned a copy of the Notice or resent it to Applicant or even corrected the IFW to show it.

The undersigned has corresponded by e-mail with Mike Spear of the Electronic Business Center and had telephone conversations with the Examiner regarding this missing Notice. As agreed upon during the undersigned's telephone conversation with the Examiner on April 12, 2007, the undersigned has reviewed the Amendment filed December 28, 2006 to determine what might have been the informality which caused the Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment and hereby responds to the informality found. After discussing this with the Examiner, it appears only a new Listing of Claims was needed because cancelled claims were not mentioned in the listing filed with the Response of December 28, 2006.

The present response is being faxed to the Examiner today (April 13, 2007) for formal entry and consideration as the response to the alleged Notice.

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Applicant thanks the Examiner for speaking with the undersigned and for her suggestions and attempt to get a copy of the actual Notice from within the USPTO.

Conclusion

Applicant submits the claims of the claims present application each patentably distinguish the present invention over the combined disclosure of Blume and Dansereau and therefore requests the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-9, and 31-36 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blume in view of Dansereau and issue a notice of allowance for those claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees associated with this Response or the concurrently file Petition for Extension of Time to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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